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re: U.S. taxpayers paying expense of transporting bodies from Jonestown
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Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr.
915 Lafayette Blvd.
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dear Senator Weicker:

The question as to why I or any other taxpayer should have to bear the cost of recovery and identification of the bodies from the Jim Jones People's Temple in Guyana has been bothering me for some time.

Is it standard procedure to pay transportation cost of citizens who journey to foreign countries and pass away while there?

These people chose to live in Guyana. Why couldn't their bodies be buried there in their village?

Why should the taxpayer have to pay nine million dollars for the recovery operation of people who chose to leave the United States and who were considering moving to the U.S.S.R. or Cuba?

Sincerely,

Edward L. Meehan

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